GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PAYMENT FOR RADIO RECEIVERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Radio Receivers supplied by M/s. Win Radio Communications, Australia have not become operational at the stage of inspection by the Joint Receipt Inspections Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of payments for such faulty radio receivers made so far;

(d) the reasons for releasing payments before inspection; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to rectify the faults and check recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Two major discrepancies observed related to the supply of inferior quality of Antenna Masts and technical parameter of Radio Receiver's sensitivity not being in accordance with the contract.

(c) & (d): The vendor has been paid USD-1,295,040 (80% value) as per the provisions of the contract. Balance payment has not been released.

(e) Two new prototype of Antenna Masts offered by the vendor in December, 2005 have been accepted and vendor was asked to carry out certain modifications in the Radio Receiver Card 3500i to improve the sensitivity parameter of the equipment. The equipment with the modified card has been received and subjected to laboratory testing at M/s Bharat Electronics Ltd., Ghaziabad (UP) and is now being subjected to field monitoring at various command theaters of the Army.